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expenditure, either by way of opening additional demonstration farms or appointing agricultural Inspectors. On these general lines, I would now answer the various questions.

No. 72.—The question of agricultural banks will be dealt with in answer to question No. 77. There are now two Demonstration farms, one at Trivandrum and one at Quilon. The former has been in existence for nearly 10 years and is now under the management of an agricultural graduate. Government are not prepared to open more farms just now.

No. 73.—This is a matter mainly for private enterprise. I may, however, say that I had occasion to study the subject sometime ago and the conclusion arrived at by me was that the advantages of grain banks were over-estimated and the difficulties incident to their management very imperfectly realised.

No. 74.—Government heartily sympathise with the desire for the introduction of improved agricultural methods. I must, however, point out that this is a matter mainly for the ryots themselves. The Superintendents of the Agricultural farms at Trivandrum and Quilon will gladly give their advice and help to such ryots as ask for the same.

No. 75.—I have already given my answer to this question.

No. 76.— Government have sanctioned the purchase and maintenance of three seed-bulls at three central stations in the State. Government do not consider it necessary to maintain cattle-depôts at Sirkar expense. That is a matter for private enterprise.

77. ***Agricultural associations and co-operative credit societies.***

Mr. K. C. Joshua (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) prayed for the establishment of agricultural banks and associations and co-operative credit societies.

Dewan's reply.— Agricultural associations are unofficial bodies which must be organised and maintained by the people themselves. The best thing that Government can do for them is to leave them to develop on unofficial lines. In regard to co-operative societies, Government will take into consideration the question of legislating on the subject.

78. ***Agricultural schools.***

The member also urged the advisability of establishing agricultural schools and providing other means of instruction in agriculture.

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